

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2006

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Charles Scholtes, P.A., in Conference Room 5B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were sent to the Committee members, media and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered roll call.

Charles Scholtes, PA, Vice-Chair
Randy Kohl, M.D.
Gerald Luckey, M.D.
Carl Rossitto

Absent: Paul Shellabarger, P.A., Chair

A quorum was present and the meeting convened. Also present were Becky Wisell, Section Administrator, Vonda Apking, Credentialing Coordinator, Sherri Joyner, Credentialing Specialist, Credentialing Division; Michael Grutsch, Program Manager, Investigations Division.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Kohl moved, seconded by Luckey, to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Kohl moved, seconded by Luckey, to go into closed session for the purpose of hearing investigational reports. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried. The meeting went into closed session at 2:10 p.m.

Luckey moved, seconded by Rossitto, to return to open session. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried. The meeting went back to open session at 2:30 p.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Request for less than 20% Supervisor Presence: Steven Wengel, MD, and John Calvin Russell, PA. Dr. Wengel has requested approval for 0% supervisor presence when Mr. Russell provides care at nursing homes. Dr. Wengel proposes to meet with Mr. Russell approximately one hour per week to review cases. The Committee discussed how Mr. Russell only makes nursing home visits part-time and seems to be adequately supervised at his other job assignments. Luckey moved, seconded by Kohl, to approve Dr. Wengel's request. Voting aye: Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

Request for less than 20% Supervisor Presence: Dwight Rickard, MD, and Scott Gleim, PA. Dr. Rickard's has requested approval to be present 10% of the time when Mr. Gleim is providing services at the Community Corrections Center in Lincoln. The Committee discussed the shortage of providers at Dept. of Corrections' facilities and the experience of the PA. Luckey moved, seconded by Rossitto, to approve Dr. Rickard's application. Kohl recused himself. Voting aye: Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

Application to Supervise a Physician Assistant at a Secondary Site: Thomas Fennessy, MD, and Julie Wilhelm, PA. Kohl moved, seconded by Rossitto, to require that Ms. Wilhelm practice at least four weeks under Dr. Fennessy's supervision prior to being granted secondary site approval. Voting aye: Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

Application to Supervise a Physician Assistant at a Secondary Site: John O'Neal, MD, and Jodene Schmidt, PA. Dr. O'Neal is requesting a waiver of the six-week supervisory period required for secondary site approval based on his previous supervision of Ms. Schmidt. Luckey moved, seconded by Kohl, to approve Dr. O'Neal's application. Voting aye: Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

Application to Supervise a Physician Assistant at a Secondary Site: John Jackson, DO, and Jodene Schmidt, PA. Dr. Jackson is requesting a waiver of the six-week supervisory period required for secondary site approval based on his previous supervision of Ms. Schmidt. Luckey moved, seconded by Kohl, to approve Dr. Jackson's application. Voting aye: Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The next meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee is scheduled for August 30, 2006 at the Staybridge Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska

The All-Board Member Meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2006 in Omaha, and will focus on the issue of discipline. Wisell encouraged Committee members to attend is possible.

Wisell discussed how provisions of Nebraska's new Open Meetings Act will affect the Committee. A motion to go to closed session will need to identify the subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session. A copy of the Act will need to be posted at the meeting location.

The Department will review the current draft of the Uniform Licensing Law to make sure that all of the Committee's proposed changes have been included.

ADJOURNMENT

Kohl moved, seconded by Luckey, to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes. Voting nay: none. Absent: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

Sherri Joyner, Credentialing Specialist
Recorder